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## Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims without prejudice, as follows and consider the subsequent remarks/arguments. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

## Listing of Claims

1.     (Canceled)

2.     (Canceled)

3.     (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

~~The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1,~~ wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing how much graphical material each of the plurality of objects contains.

4.     (Canceled)

5.     (Canceled).

6.     (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

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expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object

position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object

metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

~~The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from~~

~~claim 1,~~ wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a page count of

the number of pages contained within each of the plurality of objects.

7.      (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a

virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object

position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object

metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

~~The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from~~

~~claim 1,~~ wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a out-links

count of the number of links pointing away from each of the plurality of objects.

8.      (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a

virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object

position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object

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metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

~~The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1,~~ wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a in-links count of the number of links pointing to each of the plurality of objects.

9.    (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

~~The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1,~~ wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a rating for each of the plurality of objects.

10.    (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

~~The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1,~~ wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a logo for a

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company associated to each of the plurality of objects.

11.    (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a
virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object
position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object
metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from
claim 1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing contact
information for a company associated to each of the plurality of objects.

12.    (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a
virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object
position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object
metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from
claim 1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing an industry SIC
code for a company associated to each of the plurality of objects.

13.    (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a
virtual space, the method comprising:

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expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object

position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object

metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

~~The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1,~~ wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a trading

symbol for a company associated to each of the plurality of objects.

14.    (Canceled)

15.    (Canceled)

16.    (Canceled)

17.    (Canceled)

18.    (Canceled)

19.    (Canceled)

20.    (Canceled)

21.    (Canceled)

22.    (Canceled)

23.    (Canceled)

24.    (Canceled)

25.    (Canceled)

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26.    (Canceled)


27.    (Canceled)